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POLITICS IN THE STATE.

The triangular political fight in Kansas has begun. The Republicans, the Greenbackers and Democrats have presented full state tickets. The Republicans and Greenbackers favor the enforcement of the prohibitory law and the Democrats are committed to anti-prohibition, favoring a repeal of the prohibitory law.

There will be a conference of the Greenback and Democratic state central committees at Topeka on the 11th inst. Whether a union at this meeting will be had does not seem probable in view of the action of the Democratic convention at Emporia. The Democrats threw away a golden opportunity when they failed to take up Governor Robinson, the Greenback candidate for governor.

The platform of the Greenbackers in an essential point is in accord with the platform of the Republicans. The Democrats must be credited with sincerity. The mass of the party is in favor of the repeal of the prohibitory law. The consistency of the action of the majority of the convention must be commended. Meeting the issue squarely and making no false pretenses should entitle the party to faithful consideration by those who accept its weal or woe. The majority of the people of Kansas are Republicans. A combination of Greenbackers and Democrats it is supposed would make a formidable opposition and guarantee somewhat of success. Again, it is urged that a joining of forces would be of benefit to the Republicans, one-half of the Greenbackers in the event of a coalition would take their former places in the Republican party.

With three tickets in the race by no method known can a majority be computed against St. John. Two years ago St. John had 115,204 votes, Ross (d) 93,557 votes, Vrooman (a) 19,447 votes. It is preposterous to calculate on the defeat of St. John with the condition of the parties at present. We know that there is great dissatisfaction in the state over St. John, but Democratic blundering will tend to cure the disease. The political situation offers but one consolation to the opposition. Republican dissensions will affect the election of local tickets. In a number of counties the Anti-Prohibitionists will have opportunities of electing members of the legislature favorable to the repeal of the prohibitory law or against the adoption of more stringent provisions for the enforcement of the law.

There are many Republicans who will vote for the party that favors anti-prohibition. They are firmly adhered to party as either the Democrat or Greenbacker. The Greenback candidate for governor would have drawn largely from the Republican ranks had he been endorsed by the Democrats. Such action would have given an opportunity for success. But the Republican will not throw away his standing in the party for the improbable show of opposition success.

We now demand that the prohibitory law be rigidly enforced in Shawnee, Leavenworth and Ford counties. It has been contended that St. John and prohibition were one and the same; and as St. John carried mid whisky counties with a boom, we shall insist that the governor and prohibition are two separate institutions unless the law is enforced by the same power which carried the delegates at the recent primary elections. —Salina Herald.

The "power which carried the St. John delegates" in Ford county would not enforce the prohibitory law.

At Howard the other evening a mocking bird in a parlor was observed to utter unusual disturbance and soon a large copperhead snake came crawling over an organ on which a young lady was playing. The music adjourned until after the death of the serpent.

Cowboy's Silver Cornet Band.

This is the title of the band that has been on drill for some weeks past. The members of the band are composed of stockmen, cowboy's and drovers. There are fifteen pieces in the band and the total number belonging is eighteen. This is the number of brands represented. The aggregate number of cattle belonging foots up the neat sum of 153,700 head. The Cowboy's or Stockmen's Band are preparing to compete for the \$200 prize at the State Fair at Topeka. Sharp critics inform us that the music furnished by the band is excellent.

The members of the band will be dressed in full cowboy suits, and we have no doubt their peculiar appearance will attract attention. Large hats ornamented with the cut of a steer, and the brand of the party represented engraved on the cut, will be worn by the men. The silver and gold bands on the hats, a distinguishing part of the cowboy hat, will also ornament the head. Buckskin shirts and leather leggings fringed with buffalo hair will also be worn. Each musician will have partly different apparel, but the makeup will be characteristic of the untamed genius of the border. The spurs will form no little feature of the novel visitors who will "do" Topeka. When our eastern friends hear the jingle of the spurs they will be immensely surprised and express great wonder. We have no doubt the finest curiosity at the Fair will be this same Cowboy's and Stockmen's Band. But the music will excite the wonder and envy of the professional players who have been since upon last practicing for a state premium. We are confident our cowboys will bring home the prize. If merit and justice are accorded them they will certainly return with the "cake."

Dodge City, with her dance houses and saloons, has gone for St. John. This is the place where \$1,000 was raised and kept on deposit for the "widow of the first man who dared interfere with the saloons." The money is still on deposit, the saloons boom, and the county elected delegates unanimously for St. John.—Great Bend Register.

The single optic of the Register is in an illusion. He is observing Dodge through a mirage. Dodge is a pious place. No money was ever raised here for the "widow &c," besides Dodge hasn't yet gone for St. John. The delegates elected were unanimously for St. John and that is all the truth in your story.

Anti-Bedbug.

I will give you my recipe—a good one: Mix together half a pint of alcohol, the same of turpentine and five cents worth of corrosive sublimate. Wash your furniture with warm soap suds and then wet a rag with the above mixture, and rub the places infested by the bugs. Try this a few times and you will not be troubled long.—Miss Mollie Everard.

About 120 persons were drowned by the Comche, Tex., flood and 15,000 sheep, cattle and horses lost. The losses to property range from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The river rose fifty feet. Bodies are coming to the surface daily.

The present prices in cattle are apparently up to stay up, unless something unusual and unexpected occurs to bring about such an unfortunate result, the low figures of last year will not be quoted.

A violent snow storm at Leadville on the night of the 29 and morning of the 30th, is an indication of what the people of that famous summer resort enjoy for three-fourths of the year.

Great demand for sheep in Socorro county and New Mexico is furnishing large flocks to be driven to Texas. Last week 6,000 head were sold at prices ranging from \$1 to \$2.50 each.

Tom Stevens, of Trinidad, Colo., bought of J. M. Pava, of Barnstable, and Andres Bana, of Los Alamos, 475,000 pounds of wool, paying therefor \$45,000.

There was an impromptu Greenback gathering in this city Saturday night last, that is, there was a Greenback speech delivered by Col. Cole, Greenback candidate for congress. The meeting was held at the time-honored place of the Greenbackers on "Kelley's old corner." The gathering was not a gathering of Greenbackers but the speaker had a respectable audience of attentive listeners. Mr. Cole delivered the same speech in this city two years ago. There were probably a few fresh utterances. His manner and gestures and mechanical style of oratory indicated that the speech was often repeated. Our esteemed friend Maj. Van Voorhis, who was present, will expect us to criticize the speaker's argument, and not his manner. We haven't space to elaborate on the Greenback questions. We accord the Greenback party the honor of holding the Republicans and Democrats "even" or "level" on general questions. The balance of power is held by the Greenbackers, but unfortunately in Kansas the balance of power cannot be used owing to the blunder of the Democracy. The Greenback party has a useful purpose. It is a "frightful example," so to speak. It serves the purpose of showing what extreme folly intelligent men can resort to politically. Yet, the Kansas Greenback platform is a tolerably fair one, and would have been an excellent one for the Democrats. The Greenback party is not a dead party by any means, nor are the issues of the party dying embers. We have a good deal respect for our Greenback friends. They keep the equilibrium of politics in the country, except in Kansas, where the free, bracing air causes both Republicans and Democrats to go to extremes. The Republican goes on his advanced ideas of reform and freedom; the Democrat on his unalterable love for power and wise laws; and, the Greenbacker on his great living principle, money. The Greenbacker always smiles on the minority. Just now he is courting the fair Democracy. There appears to be little hope of progeny from the proposed union. The period of gestation is too short for the birth of a healthy, full-grown infant. It is likely that incubation may be resorted to at the meeting of the committee on the 11th inst. In any event we fear the hatching may be premature and the nurslings too weak for the November election. We started out to say something about the Greenback speaker, but we are always wandering and hope we may be pardoned.

John Zerbo informs us that his broom corn crop is better this year than last. The brush is larger and heavier and the seed larger. Three acres are required to produce a ton of broom corn, valued at \$160. The expense of cultivation and harvesting is \$30 making an average profit of \$130 to the ton or \$43.33 per acre. If the broom corn stands drouth better than sorghum, we should think our farmers would pay some attention to the cultivation of it. A good market can always be found for broom corn.

The Master Masons of Dodge City met in their hall August 31 at 7:30 p. m. A lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Special Deputy Grand Master C. S. Wicks and St. Bernard's Lodge U. D. was duly instituted with the following officers: P. W. Bonner, W. M.; J. T. Whitelaw, S. W.; H. P. Myton, J. W.; S. Galland, Treasurer; Otto Muller, Secretary; W. L. Harwood, S. D.; R. P. Adams, J. D.; R. McElwain S. St.; R. W. Evans, J. G.; W. Powell, Tyler.

Rev. F. Schenck, of Newton, Kan., was in the city last Thursday. Two Sisters of Charity came here with him and remained a couple of days soliciting money for the purpose of founding a hospital at Emporia. The people of Dodge with their accustomed liberality subscribed largely.